

MATRIMONIAL ELIGIBILITY.

Some of the Many Various Reasons That Prompt Men to "Pop the Question."

The reasons which prompt men to make offers of marriage to women are as many and various as the number and kinds of women thus honored, says the New York Times. Not alone are the natural graces and charms of femininity the foci of attraction for the average man. Acquired accomplishments often count for a great deal, and it frequently happens that women are eagerly desired for qualifications, which, while strongly appealing to those who desire them, would not in the least appeal to others occupying a different point of view.

These very general and not altogether luminous reflections are suggested by a news item which reaches us from northern New York of an avalanche of marriage offers which has overwhelmed two estimable young women, the daughters of a farmer at Schuyler. They are not described as beautiful. So far as we are advised, they are not distinguished for accomplishments of the kind which make for social preeminence. Perhaps they are not more amiable, more affectionate, nor more practical in the general duties of housewifery than others. Their claim to distinction is that they "killed, cleaned, scalded and hung" two 300-pound hogs without masculine assistance.

Instantly an overpowering passion took possession of the heart of every eligible bachelor within what may be called buggy radius. The rural delivery carrier has had to provide himself with a wheelbarrow to transport the offers of marriage which come by mail, and the concourse of vehicles which is strung along the paternal front fence every day and evening suggests that a continuous funeral is in progress within. Perhaps it is. A great many nascent hopes of domestic happiness along strictly bucolic lines perish in the family "settin' room" every 24 hours, and enough broken hearts are left behind by departing suitors to fertilize the farm if their fragments could be composted. The young women are said to decline, "firmly but kindly," the offers of marriage which are pressed upon them. It may be that their unique claim to distinction puts them in a class which makes it an imprudence for the suitor to offer them the commonplace life of the farmer's wife, who can count upon a hog killing not oftener than once a year. Their sphere of social triumphs obviously lies in Cincinnati or Chicago.

THE WAYS OF SQUIRRELS.

Peculiarities of Voice and Action of the Animals in Summer and Winter.

"One of the most familiar sounds of the summer woods is the rattling bark of the red squirrel," writes an observer. "The tones of his voice are varied and there is a great difference between his angry bark, his cry of fear, the chattering monologue with which he addresses an intruder on his domain, the running fire of repartee which is the constant accompaniment of the antics of a pair at play, and the long rattling roll call which he utters apparently from sheer enjoyment of the sound or as a challenge to some unseen enemy of his own tribe and which reverberates through the woods often with sufficient force to carry the sound for as much as half to three-quarters of a mile. If we listen for an instant when we hear one of these challenges sent forth we may hear it answered from some distant point, so faintly that we cannot be certain that it is not an echo. Some other male has heard the challenge and, detecting the self-satisfied note in it, has answered, and we may be fairly certain that they are hastening toward each other, each with the intention of annihilating his foe or at least teaching him a lesson.

"Gray squirrels, unlike most of the rodents, do not hibernate in the winter time, but are abroad and very active during most of the season. Their nests are then in hollow trees, but they usually leave these retreats in March and build airier and less vermin-infested abodes in the treetops of leaves and twigs. If you can watch a gray squirrel gathering nuts in the fall you will see him take a nut in his cheek pouch and hop along the ground, testing it every few yards with his front feet. When he has found a spot entirely to his liking he will scoop out a shallow hole and, placing the nut in it, will cover it up with the loose earth. This he will stamp down and restore to its former condition by scraping the loose leaves and small stones over it.

"This performance he repeats again and again in that and other localities, until he has hidden away in this manner a large quantity of nuts, one squirrel often burying several hundred. In the winter, as he needs them, he unearths these nuts, and it is wonderful how unerringly he can go to his various caches, even though, as frequently happens, they may all be covered with a foot or more of snow."

Cheap College Degrees.

The familiar charge that the degree LL. D. is bestowed with too lavish a hand by colleges and universities is likely to gain force from a recent occurrence. The South Carolina college, at Columbia, celebrating its centennial, was moved by the joy of the occasion to affix the honorific letters to 36 men. It was not supposed that there were three dozen persons of distinction in the country whom the other colleges had not already labeled.—N. Y. Tribune.

Years and Spirit.

Clara—You don't mean to say that at 60 he is making love to you? Isn't that rather young for an old man? Maud—Yes. But he is the most precocious old man I ever met.—N. Y. Sun.

Algernon B.,

36,853

Alligon, 31,236

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Sire of	
Lady Patchie.....	2.14%
Peterine.....	2.14%
Wilkes Patchen.....	2.15%
La Tosca.....	2.15%
Spanish Boy.....	2.16%
and 12 others	
and dams of	
Donogh.....	2.10%
Aerolite.....	2.12%
Noline.....	2.15%
Maud M.....	2.15%
Capt. Sampson.....	2.16%
and 16 others	

Mertix,
Dam of
Rustic B.....2.23%

Madrid, 1835	
Sire of	
Lady Patchie.....	2.14%
Peterine.....	2.14%
Wilkes Patchen.....	2.15%
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and 16 others	

Juvenalis.	
Sire of	
Flowing Tide.....	2.09%
Norvin G.....	2.09%
Donogh.....	2.10%
Annie Leyburn.....	2.10%
Norvet.....	2.13%
Countess Eve.....	2.09%
and 80 others	
and dams of 10	

Merchant 599	
Sire of	
Nettlewood.....	2.16%
and dam of	
Rustic B.....	2.23%

Maymont.	
Sire of	
Laura T.....	2.09%
Pattie West.....	2.17%
Al West Sr.....	2.18%
Rattler.....	2.23%
Almont King.....	2.23%
Lea Gates.....	2.23%
John L.....	2.23%
and dams of 6	

Majesty,	
Sire of	
Laura T.....	2.09%
Pattie West.....	2.17%
Al West Sr.....	2.18%
Rattler.....	2.23%
Almont King.....	2.23%
Lea Gates.....	2.23%
John L.....	2.23%
and dams of 6	

Grand dam of	
1. Red Ink.....	2.03%
2. Jim Duvall.....	2.14%
3. Rustenia.....	2.27%

Mambrino Chief, 11	
Sire of	
Lady Thorne.....	2.18%
and 5 others	
and dams of 24	

Daughter of	
Sire of	
Westmont.....	2.13%
Puritan.....	2.16%
Fanny Witherspoon.....	2.16%
and 34 others	
and dams of 133	

Daughter of	
Sire of	
Westmont.....	2.13%
Puritan.....	2.16%
Fanny Witherspoon.....	2.16%
and 34 others	
and dams of 133	

Chevy Chase,	
Sire of	
Bessie.....	2.26%
and dams of 5	

Sire of	
1. Red Ink.....	2.03%
2. Jim Duvall.....	2.14%
3. Rustenia.....	2.27%

George Wilkes, 519	
Record.....	2.22
Sire of	
Harry Wilkes.....	2.13%
Brignolia Wilkes.....	2.14%
Guy Wilkes.....	2.15%
and 80 others	
and dams of 179	

Mercedes	
Sire of	
Earlmont.....	2.09%
Fred Arthur.....	2.12%
Ella Belmont.....	2.12%
and 56 others	
and dams of 120	

Minerva,	
Sire of	
Earlmont.....	2.09%
Fred Arthur.....	2.12%
Ella Belmont.....	2.12%
and 56 others	
and dams of 120	

Electioneer, 125	
Sire of	
Sund.....	2.08%
Arion.....	2.07%
Palo Alto.....	2.08%
Helena.....	2.11%
and 56 others	
and dams of 121	

Norma,	
Sire of	
Sund.....	2.08%
Arion.....	2.07%
Palo Alto.....	2.08%
Helena.....	2.11%
and 56 others	
and dams of 121	

Onward 1411	
Record.....	2.23%
Sire of	
Onward Silver.....	2.05%
Pearl Onward.....	2.06%
Benzetta.....	2.06%
Gazette.....	2.07%
Colbert.....	2.07%
and 173 others	
and dams of 125	

Phillis,	
Sire of	
Onward Silver.....	2.05%
Pearl Onward.....	2.06%
Benzetta.....	2.06%
Gazette.....	2.07%
Colbert.....	2.07%
and 173 others	
and dams of 125	

Mex's Abdallah, 15	
Sire of	
Goldsmith Maid.....	2.14
and 4 others	
and dams of 43	

Belle,	
Sire of	
Goldsmith Maid.....	2.14
and 4 others	
and dams of 43	

Daughter of	
Sire of	
Westmont.....	2.13%
Puritan.....	2.16%
Fanny Witherspoon.....	2.16%
and 34 others	
and dams of 133	

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and 34 others	
and dams of 133	

Marmaduke, 9082	
Sire of	
Bessie.....	2.26%
and dams of 5	

Chevy Chase,	
Sire of	
Bessie.....	2.26%
and dams of 5	

Sire of	